

These amend the original petition and application to include the following Federal lands and non-Federal minerals within the withdrawal boundary which may be acquired by the United States, and to withdraw the following lands and those in the original petition from mineral leasing, except oil and gas. The segregative period for all lands in this proposed withdrawal remains the same.

Principal Meridian, Montana

Federal Lands—

T. 15 E.,

Sec. 32, that part of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary.

T. 9 S., R. 15 E.,

Sec. 21;

Sec. 22;

Sec. 23, lots 2 and 3, N $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and bed of Kersey Lake riparian to lots 2 and 3;

Sec. 26, bed of Kersey lake riparian to NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 27, lots 1 and 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and bed of Kersey Lake riparian to lots 1 and 2;

Sec. 28, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and 6 to 9, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and that part of lot 5 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness boundary;

Sec. 33, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and that part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary;

Sec. 34, lot 4, and that part of lot 3 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary.

The areas described aggregate approximately 2,965.00 acres.

Non-Federal Minerals—Approximately 4,158.00 acres—

All non-Federal minerals, if returned to Federal ownership, would without further action become subject to the terms and conditions of the subject withdrawal.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is for protection of the watersheds within the drainages of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River, Soda Butte Creek, and the Stillwater River, and the water quality and fresh water fishery resources within Yellowstone National Park. The amendments are to include lands identified during public scoping meetings and to meet the intent of the New World Mine Agreement signed August 12, 1996, by Crown Butte Mines, Inc., the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, and the United States.

A withdrawal application, as amended, will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

Existing uses of the segregated lands may be continued except for the location or relocation of mining claims during the pendency of the segregative period, including but not limited to all legal ingress and egress to valid mining claims and patented claims, all rights-of-way, all access to non-Federal lands, all current recreational uses, and all

commercial uses requiring special use permits.

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National Park Service

General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for Whitman Mission National Historic Site, Washington

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will prepare a General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for Whitman Mission National Historic Site.

A General Management Plan sets forth the basic management philosophy for a unit of the National Park System and provides the strategies for addressing issues and achieving identified management objectives for that unit. In the GMP/EIS and its accompanying public review process, the National Park Service will formulate and evaluate the environmental impacts of a range of alternatives to address distinct management strategies for the park, including resource protection and visitor use. The plan will guide the management of natural and cultural resources and visitor use of those resources for the next 15 years. Development concept plans for selected facilities may be included with the GMP.

Scoping is the term given to the process by which the scope of issues to be addressed in the GMP/EIS is identified. Representatives of Federal, State and local agencies, American Indian tribes, private organizations and individuals from the general public who may be interested in or affected by the proposed GMP/EIS are invited to participate in the scoping process by responding to this Notice with written comments. All comments received will become part of the public record and copies of comments, including any names, addresses and telephone numbers provided by respondents, may be released for public inspection.

Among the major issues likely to be addressed in the Whitman Mission GMP/EIS are (1) a clarification of what is to be memorialized at the Site and how that is to be accomplished; (2) the effects of adjacent land uses on park resources; (3) the staffing levels needed to adequately manage resources and

visitor use; (4) future interpretive treatment of the Mission grounds; and (5) infrastructure concerns such as internal road circulation and suitability of existing storage facilities. A full range of alternatives, including "no action" and "minimum requirements" alternatives, will be considered in the GMP/EIS to address these and other issues that may emerge during the planning process.

The draft GMP/EIS is expected to be available for public review by the summer of 1997 with the final version of the GMP/EIS and the Record of Decision to be completed by May 1998.

Because the responsibility for approving the GMP/EIS has been delegated to the National Park Service, the EIS is a "delegated" EIS. The responsible official is Stanley T. Albright, Field Director, Pacific West Area, National Park Service.

DATES: Public scoping meetings will be held Monday, 21 October 1996, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the park's Visitor Center, located seven miles west of Walla Walla, Washington, and Wednesday, 23 October 1996, 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Dining Room, Walla Walla Community College, 500 Tausick Way, Walla Walla, Washington. Written comments on the scope of the issues and alternatives to be analyzed in the GMP/EIS should be received no later than 31 December 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the GMP/EIS should be sent to the Superintendent, Whitman Mission National Historic Site, Route 2, Box 247, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Whitman Mission National Historic Site, at the above address or at telephone number (509) 522-6360.

Dated: September 9, 1996.

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Deputy Field Director, Pacific West Area, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

In accordance with Department of Justice policy, 28 C.F.R. § 50.7 and 42 U.S.C. § 9622(d)(2), notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States versus Browning-Ferris*